

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A method to bit scramble a digital video signal, comprising:
 - receiving blocks of the digital video signal;
 - scrambling the blocks of the digital video signal responsive to a key of which a remote computer number and a video position number are components, the video position number representing positional information including the block to be scrambled, wherein the scrambling includes XOR operations between the blocks of the digital video signal to be scrambled and other operands, with each XOR operation being between one of the blocks to be scrambled and one of the other operands.
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein for a first block to be scrambled, the other operand is the key, and for subsequent blocks to be scrambled, the other operands are blocks of the digital video signal preceding the block to be scrambled.
5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the preceding blocks are immediately preceding blocks with respect to block to be scrambled.
6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the other operands are each the key.
7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the remote computer number is a processor number.
8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)
10. (canceled)
11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the scrambling includes XOR operations and wherein the video position numbers are operands to some of the XOR operations.
12. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising authenticating a remote receiving computer.
13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein authenticating includes determining that the remote receiving computer has a particular remote computer number.
14. (previously presented) A method to descramble a bit scrambled video signal in a computer, comprising:
 - receiving blocks of the bit scrambled video signal; and
 - descrambling the blocks of the bit scrambled video signal responsive to a remote computer number of the computer in which the descrambling is occurring, wherein blocks of the digital video signal was scrambled responsive to a key of which a remote computer number and a video position number are components, the video position number representing positional information including the block to be scrambled, wherein the descrambling includes XOR operations between the blocks of the digital video signal to be descrambled and other operands, with each XOR operation being between one of the blocks to be descrambled and one of the other operands.
15. (canceled)
16. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the descrambling is responsive to a key produced by a processing mechanism that receives a key of which the remote computer number is a component.

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein for a first block to be descrambled, the other operand is the key, and for subsequent blocks to be descrambled, the other operands are blocks of the digital video signal preceding the block to be descrambled.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the preceding blocks are immediately preceding blocks with respect to block to be descrambled.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the other operands are each the key.

21. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein there are more than one level of XOR operations.

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (canceled)

25. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the remote computer number is a processor number.

26. (previously presented) An article comprising:
a machine readable medium having instructions thereon which when executed by a computer cause the computer to:
receive blocks of the digital video signal; and
scramble the blocks of the digital video signal responsive to a key of which a remote computer number and a video position number are components, the video position number

representing positional information including the block to be scrambled, wherein the scrambling includes XOR operations between the blocks of the digital video signal to be scrambled and other operands, with each XOR operation being between one of the blocks to be scrambled and one of the other operands.

27. (canceled)

28. (canceled)

29. (previously presented) An article comprising:
a machine readable medium having instructions thereon which when executed by a computer cause the computer to:
receiving blocks of a bit scrambled video signal, the blocks of the digital video signal scrambled responsive to a key of which a remote computer number and a video position number are components, the video position number representing positional information including the block to be scramble, wherein the scrambling includes XOR operations between the blocks of the digital video signal to be scrambled and other operands, with each XOR operation being between one of the blocks to be scrambled and one of the other operands; and
descrambling the blocks of the bit scrambled video signal.

30. (canceled)

31. (canceled)

32. (previously presented) A computer system comprising:
a scrambling device to receive blocks of a digital video signal and scramble the blocks of the digital video signal responsive to a key of which a remote computer number and a video position number are components, the video position number representing positional information including the block to be scrambled, wherein the scrambling includes XOR operations between the blocks of the digital video signal to be scrambled and other operands, with each XOR operation being between one of the blocks to be scrambled and one of the other operands.

33. (canceled)

34. (previously presented) A computer system comprising:

a descrambling device to receive blocks of a bit scrambled video signal and descramble the blocks of the bit scrambled video signal responsive to a remote computer number of the computer system in which the descrambling is occurring and a video position number, wherein the descrambling includes XOR operations between the blocks of the digital video signal to be descrambled and other operands, with each XOR operation being between one of the blocks to be descrambled and one of the other operands.

35. (previously presented) The computer system of claim 34, further comprising a processing mechanism to receive a key of which the remote computer number is a component and to produce a processed key and wherein the descrambling is response to which the processed key.